

REPORT'S 4-1

9 April 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports
FROM: Chief, Geographic Research
SUBJECT: CRA Activity Report for the Month of March 1959

A. Research and Technical Support Activity

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[REDACTED] A wide variety of intelligence support was given to several consumers, including the Special Assistant to the D/I (Planning), the Department of State Antarctic office, and the National Security Council, all centered on a review of United States policy relative to continuation of activities in Antarctica. More specifically, the DCI was among several officials briefed, and [REDACTED] 25X1A9A Chief of the Special Research Branch, Geography Division -- accompanied the DCI to the National Security Council meeting. The support to the Department of State consisted of a review of a paper detailing their holdings of documents that could support a United States claim in the Antarctic. A Geographic Intelligence Memorandum on "Soviet Penetration into North Atlantic Waters" was completed and sent to the OCI requester. The contribution on selected Soviet developments in physical science and the role of geography in Soviet science and technology was prepared and forwarded to the Scientific Intelligence Committee for their use in the preparation of NIE 11-6-59. 25X1

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25X1A9A 4. Two maps concerning the Berlin crisis -- one on the city itself, and the other on the air corridor approaches -- were produced during the month and have been used extensively at high levels throughout the Government. The idea of doing these maps at this time originated with [redacted] of the Reference Branch, Map Library Division, who really acted as a catalyst in bringing together Mr. Hodgson of the Department of State and the Cartography Division which culminated in the production. Mr. Hugh Cumming, Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, stated in his staff meeting that Acting Secretary of State Herter and Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs Robert Murphy were quite pleased with the Berlin access maps and wished their thanks conveyed to the parties responsible for their production. These maps of Berlin and other maps of Germany were forwarded to Camp David for use during Prime Minister Macmillan's conference with the President.

5. The Department of State Senior Officer Course was supplied with numerous maps -- political and physical -- on Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Iran, Pakistan, Burma, Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia. The instructor called to express his pleasure and appreciation and said that the items sent were beyond his greatest expectations.

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2. The proposal for the establishment of several Area committees is being discussed with potential participants.

C. Significant Outside Contacts and Activities

1. The cumbersome procedures for coordinating AMS-MGB contributions to NIS Chapters IX and Sections 19, initiated and insisted upon by ACSI, have been abandoned. For all future studies, beginning with Chapter IX of NIS 102, coordination conferences with the working-level personnel will be arranged through [redacted] ACSI will be informed of the conferences but will participate only if policy matters are involved. For almost five years, the Coordination Staff has tried to convince ACSI that the conference method is far preferable to the time-consuming and inefficient system of preparing long lists of questions to be forwarded through many channels to the author, who must write out the answers and return them through the same involved channels. The many advantages of the conference system are recognized by the present Chapter IX representatives of OCE [redacted] and ACSI (Mr. Munn), who have recommended that the system established by their predecessors be discontinued.

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3. A number of people from the Area participated in several professional meetings during the month, including the meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Pittsburgh, the Association for Asian Studies, and the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping.

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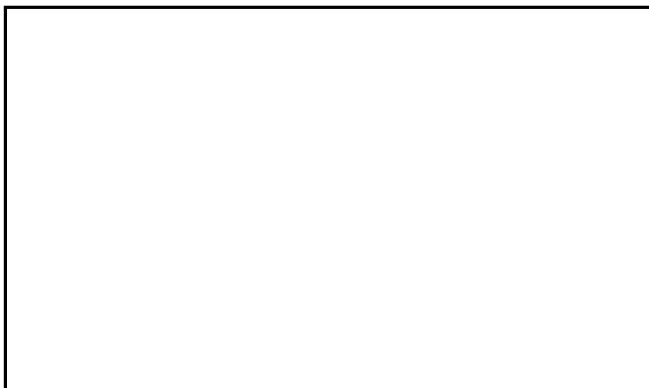
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4. Chief/G accompanied members of the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee to [REDACTED] 25X1A
25X1A [REDACTED] on their work in establishing their world geodetic system.

D. Problems

The curtailment of FPD services to ORR to 150 pages of translating per month, if carried through, will cut directly into the Geography Division program.

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